

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1609

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 21, 1999

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. BURNS, and Mr. HAGEL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Hospital  
5 Preservation Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF PPS HOSPITAL PAYMENT UPDATE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the  
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)) is  
9 amended—

1           (1) in subclause (XV), by striking “1.8 percent-  
2       age points” and inserting “1.3 percentage points”;  
3       and

4           (2) in subclause (XVI), by striking “1.1 per-  
5       centage points” and inserting “0.6 percentage  
6       point”.

7       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8       subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
9       ment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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